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ROUTING COMMUNICATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the decision is based at least in part on performance of at least one network selected in accordance with the preferred route.
5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the preferred route codes further determine a choice of a further network (5A,5B,5C) for forward connection between a network (8A) of the service provider of the selected communication channel and the call destination (2) via the further network.

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